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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing comprising:  
a salad dressing base; and  
a weight loss supplement, which weight loss supplement is present in an amount in  
excess of the amount of said supplement present naturally in foods.
2. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss  
supplement comprises a fat blocker.
3. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss  
supplement comprises a carbohydrate blocker.
4. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss  
supplement comprises a fat and carbohydrate blocker.
5. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss  
supplement comprises an appetite suppressant.
6. (Currently amended) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight  
loss supplement comprises a metabolizer or thermogenic agent.

Claims 7 and 8 (Canceled)

9. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss  
supplement comprises a nutrient partitioning modulator.
10. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss  
supplement comprises mahuang or a derivative thereof.
11. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss  
supplement comprises guarana seed or a derivative thereof.

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12. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said salad dressing base comprises a salad dressing base selected from the group consisting of: an oil and vinegar salad dressing base, a Caesar salad dressing base, a French salad dressing base, a Ranch salad dressing base, a Bleu Cheese salad dressing base, a Russian salad dressing base, and a Thousand Island salad dressing base.

13. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 and further including one or more ingredients selected from a preservative, a color enhancer, a thickening agent, a vitamin, a mineral, and an inactive ingredient.

14. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein the acidity of said salad dressing base is adjusted for any acidity of said weight loss supplement.

15. (Original) A salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss supplement comprises:

an effective amount of hydroxycitric acid;

an effective amount of carnitine;

an effective amount of biotin;

an effective amount of one or more gluconeogenic substrates selected from the group consisting of: aspartate, lactate, glycerol, and a gluconeogenic amino acid or an alphaketo analogue thereof.

16. (Original) A salad dressing as in claim 15 wherein the said weight loss supplement comprises: a weight ratio of the hydroxycitric acid to the carnitine of from about 1:10 to about 100:1; a weight ratio of the hydroxycitric acid to the gluconeogenic substrate of from about 5:1 to about 1:60; and a weight ratio of the hydroxycitric acid to the biotin of from about 50:1 to about 2500:1.

17. (Original) A salad dressing as in claim 15 wherein the gluconeogenic amino acid is selected from the group consisting of: alanine, arginine, asparagine, cystine, glutamine, glycine, histidine, hydroxyproline, methionine, proline, serine, threonine, and valine.

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18. (Original) A salad dressing as in claim 15 wherein said weight loss supplement further comprises an effective amount of at least one nutritional supplement.

19. (Original) A salad dressing as in claim 18 wherein the nutritional supplement is selected from the group consisting of: chromium, conjugated linoleic acid, coenzyme Q10, eicosapentaenoic acid, pyridoxine, alpha-lipoic acid, magnesium, and gymnema sylvestre.

20. (Original) A salad dressing as in claim 19 wherein said weight loss supplement comprises: from about 0.2 grams to about 8 grams of hydroxycitric acid; from about 10 milligrams to about 10 grams of carnitine; from about 1 gram to about 75 grams of the gluconeogenic substrate; from about 1 milligram to about 25 milligrams of biotin; from about 100 micrograms to about 2 milligrams of chromium; from about 5 milligrams to about 500 milligrams of coenzyme Q10; from about 50 milligrams to about 20 grams of conjugated linoleic acid; from about 10 milligrams to about 10 grams of eicosapentaenoic acid; from about 25 milligrams to about 400 milligrams of pyridoxine; from about 25 milligrams to about 2000 milligrams of alpha lipoic acid; from about 200 milligrams to about 1600 milligrams of magnesium; and from about 20 milligrams to about 2000 milligrams of gymnemic acid.

21. (Original) A salad dressing as in claim 19 wherein said weight loss supplement comprises: from about 0.5 grams to about 5 grams of hydroxycitric acid; from about 50 milligrams to about 5 grams of carnitine; from about 1 gram to about 30 grams of the gluconeogenic substrate; from about 2 milligrams to about 10 milligrams of biotin; from about 400 micrograms to about 2400 micrograms of chromium; from about 20 milligrams to about 300 milligrams of coenzyme Q10; from about 1 gram to about 10 grams of conjugated linoleic acid; from about 50 milligrams to about 5000 milligrams of eicosapentaenoic acid; from about 50 milligrams to about 300 milligrams of pyridoxine; from about 50 milligrams to about 1200 milligrams of alpha lipoic acid; from about 400 milligrams to about 1200 milligrams of magnesium; and from about 75 milligrams to about 500 milligrams of gymnemic acid.

22. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss supplement comprises L-aspartic acid.

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23. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss supplement comprises L-carnitine.

24. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss supplement comprises garcinia cambogia or a derivative thereof.

25. (Original) A weight loss salad dressing as in claim 1 wherein said weight loss supplement comprises garcinia cambogia or a derivative thereof, aspartic acid, L-carnitine, biotin, and chromium.

26. (Original) A method of effecting weight loss in a human being, said method comprising ingesting, for a therapeutically effective period of time, an effective amount of a weight loss salad dressing comprising a salad dressing base and a weight loss supplement, which weight loss supplement is present in an amount in excess of the amount of said supplement present naturally in foods.

27. (Original) A method as in claim 26, further including said human following a dietary regimen involving a glycemic index of less than 60 and daily calorie consumption comprising less than 50% of calories from carbohydrate intake and at least 20% of calories from protein intake.

28. (Original) A method as in claim 26 wherein the method further includes said human following an exercise program involving aerobic and resistance training.

29. (Original) A method as in claim 26 wherein the method further involves said human donating blood so as to produce a fall in serum ferritin levels and iron stores.

30. (Original) A method as in claim 26 wherein the method further involves said human following a stress reduction program so as to diminish glucocorticoid activity.